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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.99, Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the following references which the Examiner may consider to be material to examination of the subject application.

Copies of the references are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the enclosed references and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the enclosed documents constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the submitted documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the enclosed references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

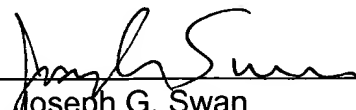
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